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It is my understanding that the purpose of the SBIR grants is to encourage small businesses to participate in the innovative process of new ideas and encourage growth in the small business sector. The SBIR funds are only a small percentage of funds available and in my opinion the funds should be distributed as widely as possible to qualified small businesses for innovative idea development. Allowing the large Interests to compete for these funds and giving out larger portions of this money essentially is eliminating the small business from competing for these funds and giving a larger proportion to the already well funded Venture Capital Groups and Biomedical Groups. I believe that the program should remain as it is to encourage small business to come to the market place with new and innovative ideas, not siphon the money into an already well funded reservoir for larger interests.

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